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SUBJECT: AMERICAN MEDICORP

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- 1. HERB GANDEL, AMERICAN MEDICORP, RECEIVED LETTER DATED FEBRUARY 25 FROM ASSAR ON FRIDAY MARCH 5. HE DESCRIOED IT AS QUOTE DEADLY LETTER UNQUOTE IN WHICH COMPANY WAS TOLD THAT LETTER OF INTENT WAS CANCELED AND THAT DIFFERENCES MUST BE SETTLED WITHIN 45 DAYS OF RECEIPT OF LETTER OR COMPANY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO LITIGATION. IN GENERAL, DIFFERENCES DESCRIBED AS DELAYS CAUSED BY COMPANY DUE TO FAILURE TO PRESENT REQUIRED DOCUMENTS AND TO SUBSTANTIATE REASONS FOR CHARGING EXTREMELY HIGH PRICES.
- 2. ON OTHER HAND, SIR LIONEL EDWARDS, HEAD OF BRITISH CONSORTIUM, TELEPHONED GANDED MARCH 8 TO REPORT CONVERSATION IN TEHRAN BETWEEN BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CATTAHAN AND PRIME MINISTER HOVEIDA AND THE SHAH. CALLAHAN WAS ASSURED BY IRANIANS THAT THEY HAD NO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INTENTION OF FILING SUIT AGAINST EITHER BRITISH, U.S.

OR FRENCH COMPANIES AND THAT PAYMENT WOULD BE MADE FOR WORK ALREADY PERFORMED.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS ON TWO ATTITUDES EXPRESSED BY IRANIANS TOWARD COMPANIES. GANDEL'S RESPONSE TO LETTER WILL BE CONSIDERABLY SOFTER IF HE CAN ASCERTAIN THAT GOI ATTITUDE IS IN FACT AS EXPRESSED PARA 2. REQUEST RESPONSE SOONEST. KISSINGER

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